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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. <u>Description</u>

State, Local and Transit Elements

 Adds or modifies various projects from various funding programs in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. The amendment includes projects with funding from the National Highway System (NHS), Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA), Recovery Land Acquisition Grants, Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) program, Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) program and various Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs. See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 2 for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only. AMBAG has withdrawn "Lump Sum HBRR Projects (MPO ID: 60)" project from this amendment as the Davis Road bridge replacement project being listed separately in this amendment was not part of the original lump sum, requiring no amendment to the lump sum. Documentation reflecting AMBAG's action is enclosed.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. The projects in this Amendment are included and submitted by AMBAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The AMBAG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

JIM NICHOLAS
Chief
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Enclosures

c: Mark Brucker - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
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